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 For Freight apply to

For Freight, apply to  
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## Assorted Canned VEGETABLES.

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## SPECIALLY SELECTED

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## Fine New Season's CUMSHAW TEA, in

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## BREAKFAST CONGOU @ 25 cents p. lb.

## SHIPHANDLERY of every Description.

## RIGGING and SAIL-MAKING promptly

## executed.

## Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

## Mails.



## MITSUBISHI MAIL STEAMSHIP

## COMPANY.

## STEAM TO YOKOHAMA VIA KOBE

## AND INLAND SEA.

## THE S. S. NIGATA MARU, Capt.

## WYNN, due here on or about the

## 2nd February, will be despatched at above

## on SUNDAY, the 1st February, at Day-

## light.

## Cargo received on board and Parcels at the

## Office up to 6 p.m. of 4th February.

## No Bill of Lading signed under \$2

## Freight.

## All Claims must be settled on board

## before delivery is taken, otherwise they

## will not be recognized.

## RATES OF PASSAGE.

## To KOBE, via Yokohama, \$ 60

## Yokohama &amp; NAGASAKI, 75

## SHANGHAI via YOKOHAMA, 120

## Kobe, 40

## A Reduction is made on RETURN CABIN

## Passages.

## Cargo and Passengers for Nagasaki

## will be transhipped to the Shanghai Mail

## Steamer at Kobe.

## For further Particulars, apply at the

## Company's OFFICES, PRIMA CENTRAL, West

## Corner Pottinger Street.

## H. J. H. TRIPP,

## Agent.

## Hongkong, January 27, 1882.

## Occidental &amp; Oriental Steam-

## Ship Company.

## TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS

## TO JAPAN, THE UNITED

## STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND

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## VIA

## THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

## AND

## ATLANTIC &amp; OTHER CONNECTING

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## THE S. S. OCEANIC will be despatched

## for San Francisco via Yokohama,

## on MONDAY, the 6th February, 1882,

## at 3 p.m.

## Connection being made at Yokohama,

## with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan

## ports.

## All Parcel Packages should be marked to

## address in full; and same will be received

## at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the

## day previous to sailing.

## A Remission of 25 % made on all

## Return Passages on the OCEANIC.

## General Invoyers to accompany Over-

## land, Mexican, Central and South American

## Cargo, should be sent to the Company's

## Offices addressed to the Collector of Customs,

## San Francisco.

## For further information as to Freight

## or Passage, apply to the Agency of the

## Company, No. 50A, Queen's Road Central,

## CHAS. H. HASWELL, Jr.,

## Agent.

## Hongkong, January 21, 1882.

## STEAM FOR

## SINGAPORE, PENANG, PORT DE

## GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,

## MALTA, GIBRALTAR, BRINDISI,

## ANCONA, VENICE, PLYMOUTH,

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## ALSO,

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## AUSTRALIA.

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## TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK

## AND BOSTON.

## THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM

## NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship

## KAISER-I-HIND, Captain J. C. BART,

## with Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched

## from this office on MONDAY, the 6th

## February, 1882, at 4 p.m.

## Cargo will be received on board until

## 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

## Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office

## until 10 a.m. on the day of departure.

## Silk and Valuables for Europe will be

## transhipped at Point de Galle; Tea and

## General Cargo for London will be conveyed

## via Bombay without transhipment, arriving

## one week later than by the ordinary direct

## route via Galle.

## For further Particulars, regarding

## FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the

## PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-

## GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

## The Contents and Value of Packages are

## required to be declared prior to shipment.

## Shippers are particularly requested to

## note the terms and conditions of the Com-

## pany's Black Bill of Lading.

## Passengers to England are now booked

## to London, instead of Southampton, as

## heretofore.

## Intending Passengers are informed that

## the Kaiser-I-Hind connects at Galle with the

## Company's steamers Kildare, from Austre-

## lia, and Thetis, from Calcutta.

## Until Quarantine Restrictions are re-

## moved in Egypt, the Homeward Steamers

## will call at Marseilles, en route for Gibralt-

## ar and London, or will proceed direct via

## Malta as usual at the Company's option.

## A. McIVER, Superintendent.

## Hongkong, January 26, 1882.

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## A COMPLETE REPRINT, in Pamphlet

## Form, of the proceedings in the

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## To which is now added a Report of the

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## AND OTHERS.

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## Hongkong, April 13, 1881.

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## Tenth Volume of the

## "CHINA REVIEW."

## Now Ready.

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## —OF THE—

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## The New Testament in Chinese.

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## nese Empire.

## Notice of New Books and Literary Intel-

## ligence.

## Notes and Queries:

## (On Chinese Oaths in Western Borneo

## and Java.

## "Easy Sentences in the Hakka Dic-

## tionary."

## Prohibition to hold Civil Office in One's

## Native Province.

## The Rise of the Mongol Dynasty in the

## His Country.

## Hung-wu, the Founder of the Ming

## Dynasty.

## A Canton.

## Chinese Marriages and Betrothals.

## Contemporary Character of Kwang

## Tung of the Southern Sung Dyn-

## asty.

## An Organization for Taxing and Corvée

## Purposes.

## Chinese Cities.

## Chinese Council.

## The Rule of Addressing Superiors.

## The Corvée System.

## "The Wisdom of Many and the Wit of

## One."

## The Title of an Abolished Emperor's

## Wife.

## Wearied Students and Refreshing Bo-

## verages.

## Man-ho-te among a Tibetan Tribe.

## The Kin Dynasty of Tungusic Origin.

## Officers Selected by the 大挑 Sele-

## ction.



Siemens, and E. M. da Silva, regarding the deaths of three Chinese males, who were taken to the Government Civil Hospital on the 23rd instant. The first body had been found on the beach near Aberdeen. On the 14th January the master of the fishing junk, Sing Tak Kan, reported that while hoisting the anchor one of the crew named Sing Ahing had fallen overboard, and there being a very strong current running at the time, he was never seen again. This body had been identified as that of Sing Ahing, and the medical examination had not proved exactly what death had resulted from. The Jury returned a verdict of found dead. In the second case, a man aged about 28 years, had been brought to the Hospital suffering from an overdose of opium, and though the stomach pump was applied there was nothing extracted, until a pint of water had been injected, when the water thrown out was tinged with a bronze-like colour. The man when brought to the Hospital was insensible, the pupils of the eyes were extremely small, and the muscles were much contracted. He remained insensible until he died, the same night, though every available restorative was applied to rouse him from the stupor. He had come from Canton on the 10th of the month, and resided with a clansman of his in Wing Lok Street, to which clansman he often spoke of death and otherwise conducted himself as if in an unbound state of mind. The clansman found him on the morning of the 23rd in his room in an insensible condition, with a small opium dross box lying beside him and some dross between his fingers. From the investigations of the Police nothing suspicious had transpired, and the jury found a verdict of death from an overdose of opium, taken while in an unbound state of mind. In the third case a body had been taken to the Hospital on the 23rd, having been found floating in the harbour near the Canton wharf. It was identified as that of a gardener, living at Yau-mah Ti, who had been coming to market, in company with two others on the morning of the 16th, to sell his goods. The wind and tide had been very strong at the time and when they were in close proximity to the Pnyia Wall the boat capsized and the occupants were thrown into the water. Two of the occupants were rescued by a Police boat, but though search was made for the deceased for some time he could not be found. Deceased was named Yu Ahing and was about 28 years of age. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death by drowning.

Witnesses have not unanimously been heard recently to the effect that many Chinese merchants and traders are of opinion that the English law which compels the specific performance of a contract, or awards damages for failure to carry out a specified contract, falls rather roughly on purchasers of property. In the somewhat spasmodic and feverish agitation with which the recent rise in property values reached its unhealthy climax, many Chinese endeavoured to turn a dollar into their own pockets by transferring property in the hope that they would sell at an advance. There is nothing wrong in any one so doing; so long as they do not go beyond their depth; but when the reaction came, and the speculators found that they were unable to pay the large sums they had bound themselves to pay, and the bargain money was forfeited as a part of the contract, these astute natives saw a great lack of equity in the law which provides for specific performance. It is asserted that many respectable Chinese who are not largely interested personally in these land and property transactions are of opinion that the law should be amended so as to provide for both seller and purchaser sharing in the loss caused by a falling market. So thoroughly novel and startling a proposition would scarcely be believed by those who are in the habit of regarding equity as an English point of view; but it is said that the idea has been seriously discussed, and it is or was intended that a petition should be sent to H. E. the Governor on the subject; while representations were to have been made also to the Supreme Court Judges regarding the alleged hardship. The latter effort to reform the law, by appealing to the incorruptible and isolated adjudicators in such cases, was given up, we understand, on the common-sense representations of some of their own advisers; but we are afraid that the Chinese notions of their own rights and privileges, equally with their ideas of an English constitutional Government's powers, have not been healthfully strengthened during the last five years. The original argument advanced by the Chinese is this, that when a man sells a house for say \$50,000, and gets \$5,000 bargain money, he ought to be quite satisfied with the profit which the forfeiture of the bargain money represents to him. And the higher ground which the so-called disinterested native merchants take is this, that a relentless insistence upon payment of the full sum agreed upon (i.e. for specific performance of the contract) is calculated seriously to damage trade generally. Whether any of these who thus argue have held any of the sums forfeited as bargain money, and expressed themselves perfectly willing to forego the profit obtainable by the full execution of the contract, is doubtful. Magnanimity amongst natives does not generally stretch so far; and it is pretty certain that had foreigners only stood to lose by such specific performance, it is

very questionable whether we would ever have heard a word against the equity of English law in this particular. We have heard many rumours lately about the comparison drawn in high quarters between the morality of native and foreign merchants, most unfavourable to the European. It would be well were Governor Hennessey to forward any petition he may receive concerning "specific performance," to the Secretary of State, so that Lord Kimberley may be in a position to judge for himself of the native standard set up for commercial morality.

MORSEY is credited with immense power for good or evil, and although generally accepted without a murmur, is at times by no means an unmitigated blessing. Robert Robson, an ancient guardian of the public peace, has just fallen heir to an estate valued at £250,000, which has been in the hands of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, since the murder of his grand-father in Manchester in 1742. The fortunate, or unfortunate, policeman, has become heir to a great deal more than the money. Dear relatives, with the kindest interest in his welfare, are turning up by dozens, and the whole of the public even went the length of claiming him as their long lost husband. These claimants of consubstantial rights refused to be convinced by the appearance of the real Mrs. Robson. The poor man will not have a chance of enjoying his fortune.

MEMORIALS for the release of those persons convicted of libel at the recent elections and sentenced to various terms of imprisonment are being extensively signed. Why these libelers and corrupters should be liberated from bondage is a question which perhaps the signatories may be able to answer. Ignorance of the law at all events, cannot be pleaded in extenuation of their offence, as many of them are lawyers, and besides, the law is well-known to the public. The Home Secretary has refused to see any deputation on the subject, and it is to be hoped that the Government will not be so lenient to those who would be a perversion of justice, merely because the prisoners got the name of respectable people.

The devotees of the higher culture have awakened to the fact that they are being made fun of, and Mr. Rignold Bunthorne in a letter to the *Pall Mall Gazette* complains of this treatment of himself and other aesthetes. Of course it is altogether wrong, and more especially, as Mr. Bunthorne plaintively remarks, when the thin end of the aesthetic wedge had just been inserted into the compact mass of Philistinism, and when their hopes of splitting that insensate body were brightest. By a process of deduction which it is not easy to follow, Mr. Bunthorne proves to his own satisfaction at least that Mr. Maurier, who has so mercilessly caricatured his class in *French*, and Mr. Gilbert, who has caricatured them in *Pastiches*, are in reality "ultra-aesthetes," super-aesthetes, out-of-the-way young men, and that their badinage is not more enjoyed by the dwellers in Philistia than by the "greeny valley" people; but yet Mr. Bunthorne thinks that all this will have a bad effect on the uncultured and unattractive of fact. The defender of aesthetics is painfully aware of the power of ridicule—a little ridicule outweighs hundreds of teachings. Poor Mr. Bunthorne's case is a sad one indeed, but he should take to himself consolation, for has it not ever been that prophets have had no honour in their own lands? He should emigrate to some "jone Pacific" and take the higher culture and its followers with him.

The steamship *Ashington*, Captain Allison, has met with very heavy weather. Captain Allison reports:—

Left Bangkok Jan. 25th, had fine weather till reaching Pulo Obi, from there strong N.E. gale which strengthened to a hurricane, when in Lat. 12.47 N., Long. 110.14 E., a very heavy cross sea running, wind N.W., three blades of propeller were thrown off. The steamer fell into the trough of the sea, shipping a large quantity of water, which did a great deal of damage, such as blowing deck beams, washing fore and main beams, and damaging main steam which; finding it impossible to keep the ship's head to sea, kept her right before the wind, on the 12th bore up for Saigon, arrived there on the 13th; discharged cargo from after hold to tip ship and shift propeller, which was done. Cargo reshipped and steamer left for Hongkong on the 26th, had light N.E. wind, weather black to port.

The Hamburg correspondent of the *L. & C. Express* says:—

The Treaty between China and Germany, the text of which was published some time ago, has been the object of the most energetic attacks on the part of experienced merchants. It is asserted that the negotiators of the Treaty, instead of facilitating our trade with China, in many instances have further encumbered it, and the almost uniform verdict upon the Treaty is, that the Government would have acted far more wisely by leaving matters as they stood, instead of making a Treaty from which only the Chinese can benefit.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ending Jan. 29th:—

	Chinese	European
Monday	53	512
Tuesday	77	431
Wednesday	34	526
Thursday	28	422
Friday	37	608
Saturday	58	294
Sunday		
Total	270	2,793
Grand total	3,063	

So much has been said of late years about long facts and trances that the following account of both these undertaken successfully by an Indian Fakir will be interesting. It is taken from a recently published journal of Colonel Fraser, who states that the case was reported officially to the Indian Government by an engineer officer as occurring in the presence of himself and another officer, who accompanied him to the Court of Ranj Singh, the Lion of Lahore. The Fakir was at first unwilling to undergo the ordeal of death and burial, but had no option when commanded by one who, as Colonel Fraser says, "would stand no nonsense." The Fakir, who was of middle age and spare habit of body, prepared himself by abstinence; after which, he

was enveloped in a light warm cloth, his tongue was drawn back to the gullet, and he was laid on his back on a hard litter with a mattress under him. During the time he was thus propped, thick-cent blades of stone were made ready, and flooring laid on which he was deposited; he was then hermetically built in with solid masonry, in fact, entombed, for his earnest desire was complied with, that no opening, however minute, should exist so as to exclude his only fear—"the ants getting at him." The tomb of masonry was bound round with bands of tape and sealed with the Rajput's Signet, which was handed to the officers. The man lay in this position for six weeks, at the expiration of which the masonry was present at the breaking of the tomb and opening of the tomb. The body was found in the same position as when deposited, but rather emaciated. The man's tongue was replaced in its normal position, warm milk, which the Fakir had himself prescribed, was poured in small quantities down his throat, and in an hour he revived.—*N. C. Daily News.*

The Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes: The winter solstice occurred the other day, and it was remarkable in this respect—that no executions took place immediately before it, as usual. This was not because there were no criminals to execute, but because the Imperial clemency had been extended to them by a late Decree, on account of the recovery of the Western Empire. The Emperor in proceeding to the Temple of Heaven the night preceding the solstice, would not be compelled, among the other official statements of his stewardship for the past year, to render to the Supreme Ruler—whose Son he is—the usual list of those whose lives he had cut short by reason of crime. This close connection between the Governor of a nation and the Supreme Ruler on a heavenly one, and may teach rulers to govern with justice tempered with mercy. It is said to be the fault of Confucianism as a system of morality and political economy that the highest limit of the ruler's duty in Heaven, but merely goes up to the Father of the Family and the State; but here in the Worship of Heaven the Emperor stands closely related to the Supreme Being. And we know that at the end of the year there is the ascent to heaven of the Kitchen God, who is supposed to render up an account of the doings of his subjects within whose precincts he has resided for the past twelve months. So that here too, is a link of connection—a ladder leading from Heaven to Earth—between the Supreme Being and man.

REV. John Macintyre, of Newchwang, writing in the *China Review* on the *Dictionnaire Coréen-Français*, par les Missionnaires de Corée, says:—

"One of the most interesting episodes in Church History is the History of the Mission in Corea, as so lovingly delineated by Père Dallet. The story is a soul-stirring one of spiritual destitution affecting brave men with what one might almost call a frenzy of self-denial, fearing them from loved ones and distinguished for its culture, to urge them on what even their so-religious men regarded as a wild adventure. It would seem as if the bonds of Nationality and Sectarianism must be held in *retentis* as we follow these men in their unparalleled march from Canton to Peking and Manchuria to enter Corea by its northern frontier; or in their brilliant centuries by sea, to reach the Korean Capital directly from Shanghai. We should pity the man, of whatever creed, who had not poetry enough in him to be thrilled with sympathy at the expensive sacrifices offered in the name of Humanity and Religion. One important result of the heroic struggle lies before us in the *Dictionnaire* and Grammar of the Korean Language. It has again and again been said that the study of the Korean Language has been an acknowledged stepping stone to the study of the Chinese Language, and the achievements in this new field will compare favourably with the great days of the Jesuit missionaries. In the last few years we have occasionally heard of students who had a few hundred or a few thousand Korean words in laboriously compiled vocabularies; but anything we have seen published has been an acknowledged groping in the dark, and anyone who cared to read back numbers of the *China Review*, in the light of the new Grammar, will see at a glance the immense importance of the present publication. It would seem as if the work of the Sprachforscher were done: while simpler and more comprehensive books of reference, the key which will open the door to the treasure of the Korean language, and down will doubtless be generally accepted, and the Dictionary will remain as a solid monument of finished scholarship. It may seem invidious to follow up such a statement by a long list of bibliomaniacs. But perfection is the law of such works, and no one who has read the preface will look to be misjudged in the exercise of an honest criticism."

After freely criticising the defects of the book, he says:—

"The excellencies of the Dictionary require no detailed statement. It is the first time it has ever fallen to our lot to read a Dictionary striven through; and really as an inexhaustible storehouse of facts about Corea it is more ready to hand than many a History. There is perhaps not a page of it which has not some nugget for the historical student. Illustration would be endless. We only hope the use of the Dictionary will not be limited to the few who make the Korean Language a specialty. Whoever would lay his hand upon the living heart of Corea would write its History, has his opportunity here."

#### THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

The adjourned half-yearly meeting of this Company was held in the Hotel this afternoon (21st). There were present: the Hon. E. R. Bellios (Chairman), the Hon. P. Ryrie, Messrs H. Hoppins, Reimers, Morris, Vaucher, W. K. Hughes, C. S. Taylor, D. McCulloch, H. G. James, R. Innes, E. George, Raynal, W. Morgan, Dr. Gomer, M. Iyer, Pashawalla, Fikera, and Sing Chin Chuan, and L. Hanschild (Secretary).

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, this is our half-yearly meeting, and the business now on the table is the same as was before you when we last assembled here. Considering that all our shares were not represented at last meeting, and bearing in mind that a *quorum* was imminent, it was deemed advisable to postpone the discussion of our programme until this date. You will remember that the resolution to pass our report was passed, and we were on the point of passing the second proposition, when the fact of my having my evening vote was questioned. I had then a duty to perform. In the absence of the majority of our shareholders the Directors had no option but to complete the business for which we had then met, and could we put off our meeting because a poll was demanded, as your requisition for a poll was irregular and informal. Article 67, amongst other things,

says "unless immediately on such declaration a poll shall be demanded in writing by ten shareholders present and entitled to vote at the meeting. This will ensure that your motion could not have brought about a postponement, because, first, it came too late; second, it was not in writing; and third, because only seven shareholders had demanded a poll. However, it is a matter for congratulation that we did defer the matter until the next general meeting, because all our shareholders and the attorneys for those who are absent have had ample notice of what is pending. We have a large meeting, every one will have an opportunity to have his voice heard, and there will be fairness for all concerned. It seems to me that the demand of the opposition were in haste throughout their proceedings at last meeting. They came here to demand to our increasing our fees. It was like undoing a thing which was already done. The articles of association empower the Directors of the Board to take a certain amount of remuneration. They explained that vote at the last general meeting in July last it was announced that they had taken \$1,000. No word was said against it then. Mr. Taylor was not a shareholder then. He bought shares in the interval with his eyes open as to what the dividends would be under the circumstances. During the past year the Directors have taken an annual sum. Although this appears in the accounts it has as little to do with the balance sheet as the payment of the interest, the accrued interest, on your loan has to do with it. If you can possibly undo the latter, you can also undo the former. The Directors are not the only ones who are to be paid; two different matters. The one is as distinct from the other as the sun is from the moon. You cannot veto both at one and the same time. 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